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Election Special

A special nine-page section, starting on page 22, offers profiles of candidates for the U. S. Senate and the U. S. House of Representatives in North Carolina's Nov. 6 General Election. Also included are their comments on issues affecting rural electric cooperatives.



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EDITOR'S LETTER

Dear Readers,

Even if the 1990 campaign rhetoric has cooled your interest in North Carolina's Nov. 6 general election, I believe you'll find some instructive reading in our special election section, pages 22-31.

The section includes profiles of candidates for the U. S. Senate and the U. S. House of Representatives and their responses to several questions about issues affecting the nation's rural electric cooperatives. Also included is a listing of the candidates for seats on the State Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals.

Producing this coverage required a major effort on the part of the magazine's staff, with assistance from top officials of the North Carolina statewide organization of electric co-ops. We hope the resulting spread will prove to be a worthwhile service to you. If you have any suggestions for improvements we might make in our election coverage in the future, I hope you'll let us know.



A letter in this month's "Mailbox" column, page 10, addresses a matter that has stirred ripples of concern throughout the nation's rural electric program. It relates to an article in the September issue of *Reader's Digest* titled, "Let's Get Serious About Cutting the Budget."

The magazine article argues that the best way to reduce the national deficit is to cut spending—rather than raising taxes. In outlining eight areas where significant cuts could be made, the article calls for letting three "dinosaur" government programs die.

One of these is the Rural Electrification Administration loan program, which provides financing for electric and telephone co-ops across the country. This is a "Depression-era relic" that should be eliminated, the article claims.

This is not the first anti-REA piece the magazine has published but this one was ballyhooed in full page ads that appeared in *The Washington Post* and *The New York Times*.

Bob Burgess, executive vice president and general manager of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, called the article a bit of "deja vu."

He said, "The article is not a serious examination of options for reducing the federal deficit; it's only deja vu. It repeats the same old, tired arguments for doing away with REA—ones that have been refuted many times over by the Congress and the American people."

The "Mailbox" letter was written by Carroll H. Leggett, a Harnett County native who is a public relations consultant in Washington.



Two members of the *Carolina Country* team have been beaming proudly in recent weeks after they were singled out for special honors. Contributing Editor Randy Wheelless received an award at a meeting of rural electric statewide magazine staffers. He won the group's third prize certificate for a feature on *The New York Times* columnist Tom Wick, a native of Richmond County. The piece appeared in the magazine in September, 1989. Wheelless also won honors in the group's 1989 competition: a first place award for a February, 1989, piece on the popularity of checkers tournaments in North Carolina.

Meanwhile, Frank Jeter, a contributing writer and advertising sales representative, was honored by the North Carolina Press Association for his many years of service to the organization. He was named an honorary lifetime member of the group.

For many years Jeter was the "official photographer" at association meetings while serving as an information officer with the Soil Conservation Service (SCS) based in Raleigh. Early in his career, he was with newspapers in Forest City, Spring Lake, Goldsboro and Greensboro. He retired from SCS in 1981.

Jeter is one of the press group's first two honorary lifetime members. The other is Herb O'Keefe, retired editor of *The Raleigh Times*.

Here's a tip of the hat to Randy and "Mr. Frank."



Mary Ann Hanson, whose painting of figures on Raleigh's Pullen Park Carousel was featured on our July cover, is now offering limited edition black-and-white prints depicting the entire carousel. The print is part of a series that also includes images of the Governor's Mansion, the Bell Tower at N. C. State University, Mordecai House and two historic homes: the Marcellus Parker House in Historic Oakwood and the Capehart House on North Blount Street.

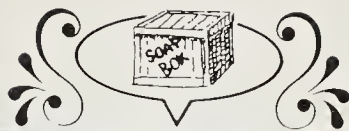
Accompanying each print is a card outlining the history of the scene or describing the architecture depicted. Each card also discusses the artist's feelings about the scene in question. The signed prints vary in size. Each is priced at \$15, including shipping charges.

The color prints of the magazine cover image, titled "The Carousel Patriot," are still available at \$30 each, including shipping charges.

For more information or to place an order, write to Mrs. Hanson at 4705 Quail Hollow Drive, Raleigh, NC 27609.

Best regards,

Owen Bisinger



Co-op: More Than Just Another Business

*The following editorial was written by
Ron O'Malley, Washington correspondent
of the nation's rural electric cooperative state-
wide publications.*

A new dictionary that defines and describes
cooperatives has been published just in time
for Co-op Month, which is celebrated every
October. The 410-page reference book is
impressive in the variety of ways it describes a
cooperative.

Cooperatives got their start in England in
the mid-1800s, when a group of merchants
pooled their meager resources to buy supplies.
There, the six principles of cooperation were:
1. open and voluntary membership; demo-
cratic control; limited interest on shares (most
co-ops are non-profit); return of surplus to
members; cooperative education and coopera-
tion among cooperatives.

Since that time, hundreds of thousands of
cooperatives have been organized for consum-
ers—farmers, cab drivers, parents, homeowners—
a group whose members have a common
purpose. There are more than 1,000 rural elec-
tric cooperatives in the United States, which
serve more than 25 million people in 2,600 of
the country's 3,136 counties. They're members
part-owners of these businesses.

A cooperative, then, is more than a busi-
ness. Rural electric co-ops, for example, supply
electricity to their consumer-members while
working to upgrade the lifestyles of those
members by investing in the rural economy and
providing other quality-of-life services to the peo-
ple they serve.

So what's the definition of a co-op? The
*Cooperative/Credit Union Dictionary and Ref-
erence* offers several definitions, from the pens
of the country's staunchest advocates of
cooperatives:

- "A co-op is a social entity, a social impact,
different in degree, different in kind—not a busi-
ness," wrote the late Gene Clifford, the "dean
of cooperative communication and education,"
who devoted his career to rural electric and
rural cooperatives.

- David C. Thomas, president of the Amer-
ican Institute of Cooperation, added this defini-
tion: "A cooperative is a group of people, faced

with a common need, who decide that the best
or only way to meet that need is by organizing
to help themselves. This they do by joining
voluntarily to pool their capital investments
and thus to own, control and promote their
enterprise."

- "Cooperation is the act of persons, volun-
tarily united, for utilizing reciprocally their own
forces, resources, or both under their mutual
arrangement to their common profit or loss,"
said the book's editors, long-time co-op advo-
cates Jack and Connie McLanahan.

Co-ops across the country belong to larger
organizations that work to preserve the coopera-
tive way of doing business. Some of those
national organizations have defined coopera-
tives as well.

- "A cooperative is people associated to
provide goods or services for themselves, agree-
ing that any who can use the service may join,
within practical limits; that member investment
receives only moderate interest; that 'margins'
belong to the members according to their use
of the services; that control is shared evenly,"
wrote the Cooperative League of USA, a co-op
advocacy group that changed its name to
National Cooperative Business Association
(NCBA) in the 1980s.

- "A cooperative is a business, in many
ways it's like any other business; but in several
important ways it's unique and different," says
the NCBA. "A cooperative business belongs to
the people who use it—people who have orga-
nized to provide themselves with goods and
services they need. These members share
equally in the control of their cooperative.
Members invest in shares in the business to pro-
vide capital for a strong and efficient operation.
All net savings (profits) left after bills are paid
and money set aside for operations and
improvements are returned to co-op members."

The late Jerry Voorhis, a former member of
Congress from California who devoted the last
20 years of his career to housing, health and
other cooperatives, wrote of his avocation: "We
have plenty of other businesses which exist
primarily to provide the best return possible to
invested dollars. It is the duty of cooperatives to

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Cover: Bob Timberlake's "The Pilot"

Our cover this month features "The Pilot," a new painting by noted North Carolina artist Bob Timberlake. The work offers Timberlake's own special interpretation of a snow scene with Pilot Mountain looming in the distance.

Reprints of the image will be available through a time-limited arrangement in which orders are to be accepted only in advance of publication.

The painting culminates a project that has linked the artist and the Pilot Mountain Foundation, a non-profit fund-raising organization that supports community projects in the Pilot Mountain area. Foundation officials approached Timberlake three years ago, asking him to "paint the mountain." As his schedule permitted, he eventually took on the project.

"It was both an exciting challenge and a delight," he said.

Timberlake, who is a consumer-member of Davidson Electric Membership Corporation, Lexington, has issued a total of 67 earlier reproductions in his 20 years as a full-time artist.

The foundation will share in the proceeds from the sale of the special prints, which can be ordered only between Oct. 9 and Nov. 9.

The foundation has already raised almost a million dollars to establish a civic and recreation center in the community and is now seeking funds to build a natatorium with two pools and a gymnasium.

Pilot Mountain is a 3,700-acre state park that was established in 1968. Indians called the mountain "Jameokee" when they used it as a landmark. The word meant great guide or "pilot."

The Timberlake print will feature an image size of 13 3/4 inches by 21 7/8 inches on paper stock measuring 19 1/2 inches by 26 3/8 inches.

The prints are priced at \$235 each plus \$11.75 for sales tax. Shipping charges are extra and could vary depending on where the prints are purchased. Orders for the foundation's specially embossed copies will not be subject to sales tax. Add \$7 for shipping charges on those orders (see ad, page 39).

Standard copies are also available through various galleries representing Timberlake and through the artist's own Heritage Gallery at P.O. Box 1927, Lexington, NC 27293.

A Co-op: More Than Just Another Business

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fill the other kind of need—the need of people for goods and services.

No matter how it's written, a cooperative is people who want to work together toward a common goal. During this year's Co-op Month the words of these advocates will help co-op members recognize the value of the cooperative businesses of which they are a part.

Copies of Cooperative/Credit Union Dictionary and Reference are available for \$14.50 for softcover and \$23.50 for hardback. Add \$2.00 for postage and handling. Mail order to Cooperative Alumni Association, 250 Rainbow Lane, Richmond, KY 40475.

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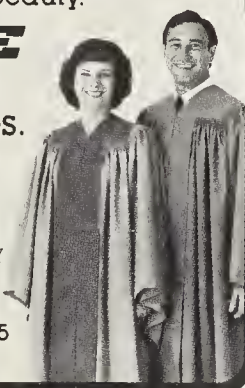
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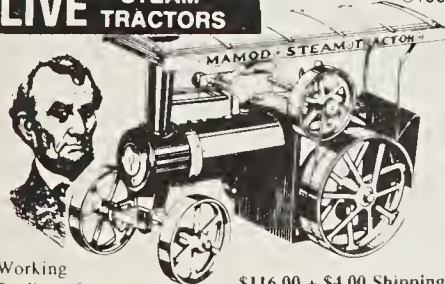
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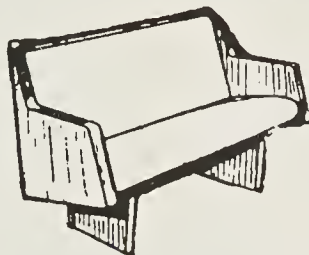
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Council Awards Cite Service To Agribusiness

Four leaders in agribusiness have been honored with distinguished service awards from the North Carolina Agribusiness Council.

The Council's Governor's Awards were presented to Hassell Thigpen of Tarboro, for agricultural production; Carolina Classics Catfish, Inc. of Ayden, Robert A. Mayo, president, for processing and marketing; Ray Wilkinson of Capital Broadcasting Company in Raleigh, for service to agribusiness and Texasgulf, Inc., of Raleigh, Thomas Wright, president, for supply to agribusiness.

The awards were presented by Lt. Gov. Jim Gardner at the Agribusiness Council's annual meeting held recently in Raleigh.

Frank E. Resnick, chairman of Philip Morris USA, gave the meeting's keynote address, telling the crowd of more than 400 that any proposed excise tax on cigarettes would seriously undermine the tobacco industry in North Carolina.

"Any new tax on tobacco, anywhere in the United States, is paid for, one way or another, by North Carolina," he said.



Thigpen



Wilkinson

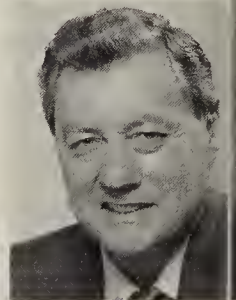
The Governor's Awards cited Hassell Thigpen for lifelong service to his community in Edgecombe County. A much-honored farmer, Thigpen has previously been honored with the N. C. Conservation Farmer of the Year, the N. C. Watershed Man of the Year and the Master Farm Family of the Year award. He was an Edgecombe County commissioner for 25 years and has held numerous statewide agribusiness offices.

Carolina Classics Catfish was recognized for getting the catfish industry off the ground in North Carolina. Headed by Robert Mayo, the company has close to 1,000 water acres in production. In 1987, Mayo built a processing plant in Ayden.

Radio listeners all over the Southeast hear the voice of Ray Wilkinson daily. From a modest start at one station, Wilkinson has become one of the top farm broadcasters in the nation.

As general manager of the Tobacco Radio Network, Wilkinson has been instrumental in spreading news about the state's top products to more than 50 network stations.

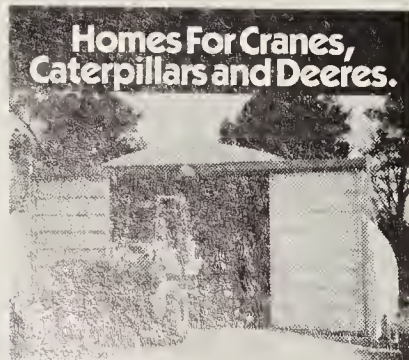
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Twenty high school students representing eight North Carolina Electric Membership Corporations (EMCs) learned about electricity and electric co-ops at the Third Annual Youth Energy Retreat, Aug. 10-12, at the Betsy Jeff Penn 4-H Center near Reidsville.

The retreat, sponsored by the North Carolina Association of Electric Cooperatives (NCAEC), gave the high school students a chance to witness a pole-top rescue simulation, learn about electrical safety and improve their public speaking.

The retreat also had a fun side with participants finding time to swim, canoe and play ball.

At the end of the camp, eight participants were selected as Youth Ambassadors for the state's EMCs.

Members of the group serve as liaisons between the state's EMC's and various youth and school organizations. They will serve throughout the year, communicating what they learned at the camp to their peers.

"The Youth Energy Retreat seems to hit a responsive chord with the kids every year," said Dan Cook, member services specialist at NCAEC and retreat director. "The comments from our campers have been extremely positive."

Various staff members from EMCs around the state assisted with the retreat's training and recreation programs.

The Youth Energy Retreat is open to youths 13 to 15 years of age. For more information, contact your local EMC or write to Dan Cook, NCAEC, P.O. Box 27306, Raleigh, NC 27611.



Photos By Lorrie Constantinos/NCAEC

Job training and safety specialists from the North Carolina Association of Electric Cooperatives demonstrate pole-top rescue techniques during the 1990 Youth Energy Retreat at Betsy Jeff Penn 4-H Center. Tommy Greer, director of the association's safety program, on pole, is assisted by Specialist Richard Petty.



Youth Ambassadors Selected

Eight Youth Ambassadors have been selected to serve as liaisons between the state's Electric Membership Corporations and various youth and school organizations. They were chosen from among participants at the 1990 Youth Energy Retreat sponsored by the North Carolina Association of Electric Cooperatives. The students are, from the left, front row: Jason Gibbs, representing Tideland EMC, Pantego; Robbie Gosnell, Davidson EMC, Lexington; Wendy Strother, Wake EMC, Wake Forest. Back row: Kristie Tucker, Edgecombe-Martin County EMC, Tarboro; Heather Race, Carteret-Craven EMC, Morehead City; Jeff Hall, Rutherford EMC, Forest City; Chris Turnage, Wake EMC; Jerry Summerlin, Edgecombe-Martin County EMC.



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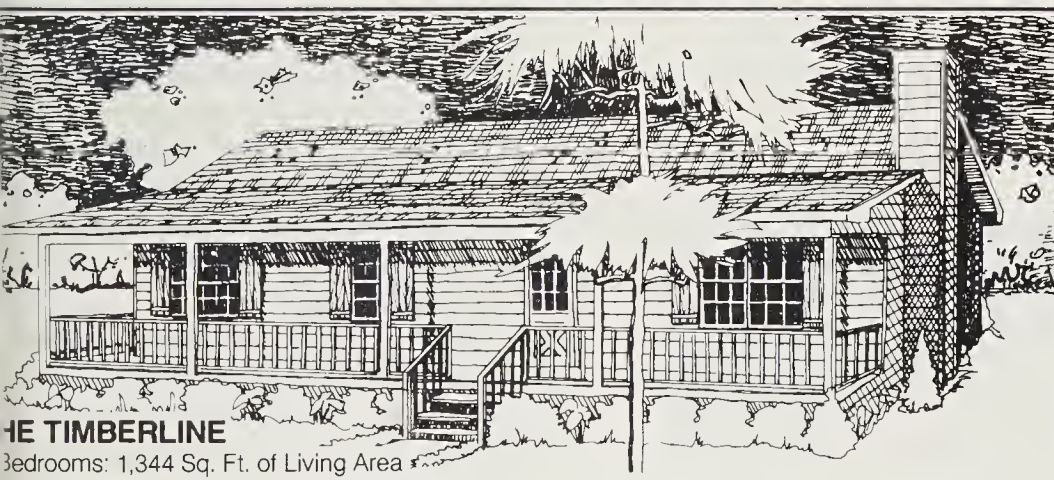
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Attacks On REA Demonstrate That Reader's Digest Editors Must Have "Little Understanding" Of Life In Rural America

I was born in Eastern North Carolina, where we had no electricity until the REA (Rural Electrification Administration) was established. Investor-owned power companies weren't willing to make the investments required to get electric light out to the country folks. And today, co-ops are still the only reason millions of rural Americans throughout this nation receive vital services that their city cousins take for granted.

So I was appalled to see a full-page ad paid for by the *Reader's Digest* Company in the October 7 *Washington Post* calling for the abolishment of the REA—"that Depression-era relic," as the writer called it. "The federal government is squandering your money," the *Reader's Digest* ad said. "Close REA to save \$1.2 billion."

Certainly millions of electric co-op members don't believe the REA money is "squandered." They know their cooperatives have made it possible for them to rear their families with modern creature comforts and develop and operate small businesses and industries in rural areas with adequate power sources.

The *Reader's Digest* motto is, "We make a difference in 100 million lives worldwide." Its editors should know that the REA and electric cooperatives make a difference in millions of lives in rural America everyday, also.

Perhaps the *Reader's Digest* is the real "relic." Perhaps co-op members' hard-earned dollars spent on subscriptions to the *Reader's Digest* are "squandered" since its editors have so little understanding of and appreciation for life in rural America. *Carolina Country* readers should let the *Reader's Digest* editors know that they are offended by this advertisement and their proposal. Their address is *Reader's Digest*, Box 406, Pleasantville, NY 10570.

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New Oil Crisis Should Spur American Citizens To "Demand Permanent Solar Energy Tax Credits"

Our current superficial oil crisis (unlike the totally false energy crisis of the 1970s) brings to mind many alternatives and why our government ignores them, as well as the co-ops.

First, patriotism aside, let us remember a few facts:

- 1) The U. S. was Iraq's ally until quite recently
- 2) The Kuwait regime is somewhat similar to our elite super wealthy; they have the bulk of the money and let the peasants "eat cake"
- 3) Bush has a vested interest in seeing oil prices go up *permanently*, since his family fortune is tied to oil. Is one soldier's life worth a barrel of oil?
- 4) Now, a timely historical warning—"Beware of foreign entanglements."

Back to energy alternatives. Why is it that the government bureaucrats and co-ops seem to ignore the potentials of photovoltaics (PV), which literally means "light-volts"? Once solar electric panels are in their tracker (fixed mount), they generate safe, clean DC electricity.

We have all heard about solar hot water, the general public hears zip about PV applications. Why? Because power company *profits* may go down.

Some see this as a "nega-watt" theory. Using energy-efficient high-tech home and business lights combined with PV panels will allow electric generation to be cut back. Thus, with less demand we can save billions by not having to build new power stations, nuclear or otherwise!

A wise Supreme Court justice once said, "The power to tax is the power to destroy."

If our government was interested in a clean environment and mindful of its citizens, it would offer tax credits, as was done after our initial energy scam. No longer. Big Oil saw to that solar energy tax credits bit the dust. Result: many American solar firms went bust and/or were sold to—you guessed it—the Japanese, who are *more* oil dependent than we are.

Wake up, fellow citizens. We're being taken. Again! Write your U. S. Representatives and U. S. Senators, and demand *permanent* solar energy tax credits.

Marc S. Ke
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North Carolina's non-profit electric co-ops have contributed to national agencies and the N. C. Alternative Energy Corporation for research on the use of photovoltaics. They have made no effort to oppose the development of this technology.

Magazine Has "Many Interesting Things"

Carolina Country continues to be one of my favorite magazines. It's filled with so many interesting things. Keep up the good work!

My wife, Annette, and I have two radio stations in Rockingham County, and I enjoy using items, with proper credit given, on the air. I especially like "Here, There and Everywhere."

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Programs Will Send Mail To The Military

The Persian Gulf crisis has spurred two organizations—one of them based in North Carolina—to establish programs to send mail packages to American soldiers stationed in the Middle East.

"Operation Christmas Care" and "Not Forgotten Soldiers" will send cheer to some of the more than 200,000 troops who are serving the U.S. overseas.

Headquartered in Thomasville, "Operation Christmas Care" is operated by the Archdale Church of the Nazarene. The program will send mail packages—gum, candy, pens and other needed items—to troops in time for Christmas.

The program was founded by Edward Farmer of Thomasville, who said the idea for the organization came to him a few years ago.

"I've wanted to do something like this for some time," he said. "Luckily, the Arch of the Nazarene agreed to be a sponsor. I think it's a great project."

The project is taking monetary donations for its cause. To contribute, send a check made payable to Archdale Church of the Nazarene and mail to: Edward Farmer, P.O. Box 936, Thomasville, NC 27361.

"Not Forgotten Soldiers" was revived recently to encourage citizens to send mail and packages to soldiers around the world. It had operated in this way during the Korean conflict but had been inactive since then.

If you would like to write letters through the program, send your name and address (typed and printed), send a stamped self-addressed envelope to: Bob Hill, "Not Forgotten Soldiers," 3711 Library Rd., Richmond, TX 77469.

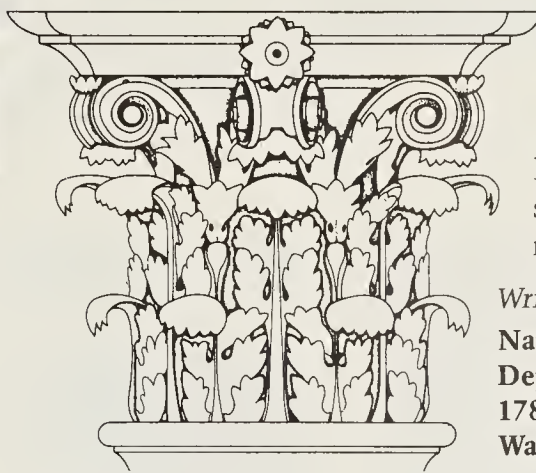
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New Bern Poet's Work Featured In New Book

A book of poems by New Bern writer Dr. Joseph Patterson, published by the New Bern Historical Society, is available for purchase by mail.

The Return of the Cassandra includes many of Patterson's poems that depict past and present New Bern, his experiences in World War II and his knowledge of medicine.

Copies of the book can be purchased for \$7, which includes postage and handling. Checks should be made payable to the New Bern Historical

Society, P.O. Box 119, New Bern, NC 28560. Phone: (919) 638-8558.

Potters Sale Slated In Marion

Regional craftsmen will be showing and selling their products at the Appalachian Potters Market Sale, Dec. 1, at McDowell High School in Marion.

The sale will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free.

For more information, contact the Appalachian Potters Market, McDowell Arts and Crafts Association, P.O. Box 1387, Marion, NC 28752.



12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS



Southern Christmas Show



Charlotte Show Offers Glimpse Of Christmas

Visitors can get into the holiday spirit early at the Southern Christmas Show, Nov. 8-18, at the Merchandise Mart in Charlotte.

The show will double its space from last year, and will feature an additional 150 merchants selling holiday items. The event will be highlighted by the Enchanted Dollhouse Village, the Christmas Tree Lane and a visit from Santa Claus.

The show will run from 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. daily—10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday. Adult's tickets are \$5 at the door.

For more information, contact David Zimmerman, the Southern Shows, P.O. Box 36859, Charlotte, NC 28236. Phone: (704) 376-6594.

Book To Aid Gates County Restoration

The historical architecture of Gates County is featured in a new book that is available for purchase by mail.

Forgotten Gates contains more than 500 photographs of about 275 historic buildings in the county. Compiled by Tom Butchko, the book describes the beauty of the county's rural architecture.

Proceeds from the book will benefit the restoration of the Gates County Courthouse for use as the county's library.

The book is available for \$30 before Nov. 1; \$35 after that date. There is a \$3 shipping and handling fee for each book ordered.

To order a copy, send a check to the Gates County Historical Society, Architectural Publication, P.O. Box 98, Gates, NC 27937.



1836 Gates County Courthouse — Gatesville

Gold Mine Sets Halloween Events

A scary time is promised at "The Bloody Reign of the Mad Miner," Oct. 30-31, at the Reed Gold Mine near Charlotte.

The event will feature costumes, ghosts and goblins, as well as outdoor horror movies and a mini-carnival for children.

For more information on the event, call Reed Gold Mine at (704) 786-8337, or the North Carolina Historic Sites Section at (919) 733-7862.



Archaeological Site Designated Historic Landmark

A Stanly County archaeological site has been designated a National Historic Landmark by the U. S. Department of the Interior.

The site, on land owned by the Aluminum Company of America (ALCOA),

has rendered prehistoric items more than 12,000 years old. The site was first discovered by two Tar Heel archaeologists in 1983.

Located near Bear Lake, the area is one of the second such sites in the state to be so named. The other is at Town Creek Indian Mound in Montgomery County.



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Southern Pottery Focus Of New Mint Museum Exhibition

Pottery lovers will be interested in the Charlotte Mint Museum's new exhibit spotlighting some of the South's most skillful potters.

"Raised in Clay: The Southern Pottery Tradition," will run through Feb. 24. The exhibit is organized by the Smithsonian Institution in Washington and features about 100 objects.

For more information, contact the Mint Museum, 2730 Randolph Rd., Charlotte, NC 28207. Phone: (704) 337-2000.



Candlesticks and ring platter are clear glazed earthenware made by Vernon Owens while the saltglazed stoneware pitcher was produced by Charles Craven.

Indian Art To Be Featured At Gallery

The Guilford Native American Art Gallery is featuring its first exhibition through Nov. 9 in Greensboro.

The exhibition, "Why Do You Call Us Indians?" features temporary paintings by three Canadian artists. The exhibit has been displayed throughout the United States. The gallery, which

opened in September, is dedicated to showing the finest examples of authentic Indian art. It is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Admission is free.

For more information, contact the Guilford Native American Association, P.O. Box 5623, Greensboro, NC 27403. Phone: (919) 273-8686.

Open House Set In Hyde County

A Christmas Open House is scheduled at Bay Tree Herbs in Hyde County Nov. 23-25 featuring gift items and handmade dolls by Marie Ingalls.

The shop will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. the first two days and from 1 to 5 p.m. on Nov. 25.

It is situated off Highway 99 about 14 miles north of Panteo. Follow signs from Highway 99.

For more information, call Kathie Harvey at (919) 935-5267.

Mistletoe Show Set For Nov. 9-11 In Elizabeth City

More than 70 booths, featuring varied crafts items, will greet visitors at the 13th Annual Mistletoe Show and Sale, Nov. 9-11, at the Knobbs Creek



Recreation Center in Elizabeth City.

The show, sponsored by the Elizabeth City Junior Women's Club, will be open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. the first two days and from 1 to 5 p.m. the final day. Admission to the show is \$2 for adults and \$1 for students and senior citizens.

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Goldsboro Hosts Doll Show Nov. 3-4

More than 100 dolls will be exhibited and judged at the "Showcase of Dolls," Nov. 3-4, at the Wayne Center in Goldsboro.

In addition to the show and competition, sales booths will be open, with appraisals and clinics on doll repair also available.

The show will run from 1 to 5 p.m. each day. Admission is \$1.50. Children under 12 will be admitted free.

For more information, contact the Wayne County Extension Office, P.O. Box 68, Goldsboro, NC 27533. Phone: (919) 731-1525.

REA Loan Approved for Haywood EMC

The Rural Electrification Administration has approved a \$3.9 million loan to expand and upgrade the facilities of Haywood Elec-

tric Membership Corporation (EMC), Waynesville.

The loan will allow the co-op to build 113 miles of distribution lines to serve about 1,700 consumer-members. Other systemwide improvements are also planned as part of the project.

The EMC also obtained supplemental financing for the project from the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation, a lending agency serving electric and telephone co-ops.

Haywood EMC serves about 15,000 member-owners in Haywood, Buncombe, Transylvania, Jackson and Macon Counties in North Carolina, plus parts of South Carolina and Georgia.

Exhibit Spotlights The American Pastime

America's love of baseball will be explored in "Diamonds Are Forever: Artists and Writers on Baseball," an exhibition slated for Nov. 17 through Feb. 3 at the Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art (SECCA) in Winston-Salem.



Photo courtesy N.C. Museum of Art

Still-Life Paintings At NC Museum

Still-life paintings from the North Carolina Museum of Art's collection will be featured in a new exhibit on display at the Raleigh museum through June, 1991.

"Objects of Delight: Three Hundred Years of Still-Life Painting," focuses on many of the Dutch painters during the 1600s: William van Aelst, Peter Paul Rubens and Frans Snyders, and German painters such as Emil Nolde and Christian Rohlf.

For more information on the exhibit, contact the N. C. Museum of Art, 2110 Blue Ridge Road, Raleigh, NC 27607. Phone: (919) 833-1935.

The exhibit, organized by the New York State Museum, will



feature works by such noted artists and writers as Andy Warhol, Garrison Keillor, Carl Sandburg and Thomas Wolfe.

For more information on the exhibit, or other exhibits at SECCA, contact the museum at 750 Marguerite Dr., Winston-Salem, NC 27106. Phone: (919) 725-1904.

Mebane Girl Gets Co-op Camp Award

An Alamance County girl has been honored with the 1990 Thad Eure Leadership Award, which was presented at the Cooperative Leadership Camp at White Lake.

Jennifer Horne of Mebane received the award after being chosen as the camp's outstanding camper.

The award is named for Thad Eure, the long-time North Carolina Secretary of State, who retired in 1989. Horne was selected for the award by the camp's counselors.

As part of the honor, Horne represented North Carolina at the National Institute on Cooperative Education, which was held recently in St. Paul, MN.

The annual event is sponsored by the American Institute of Cooperation.

Horne was sponsored at the camp by the Southern States Cooperative.

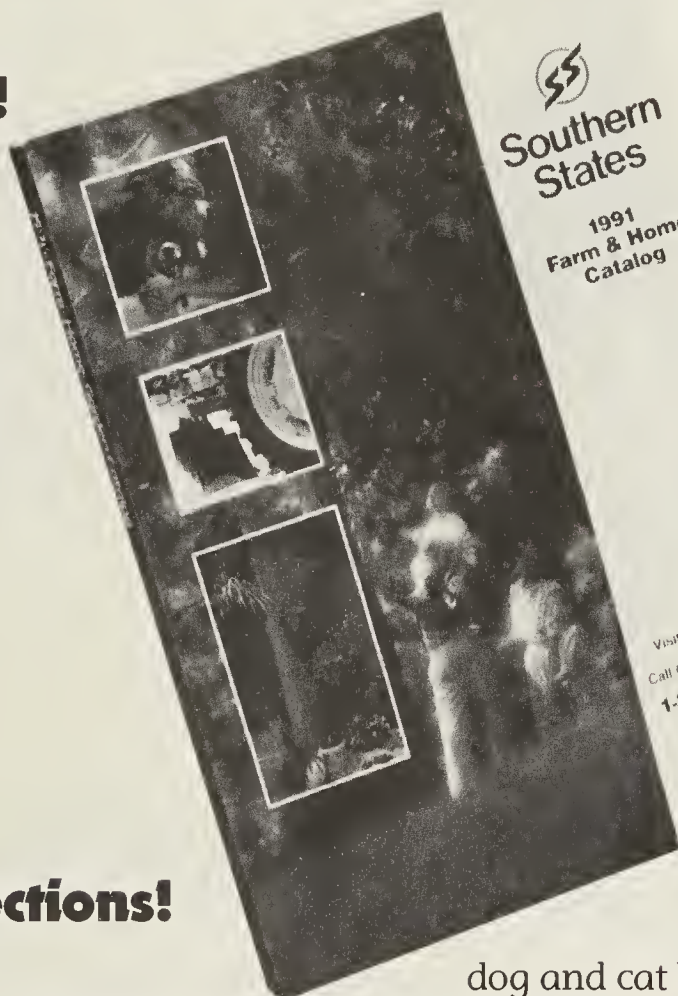
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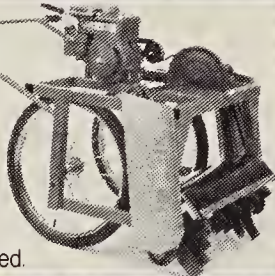
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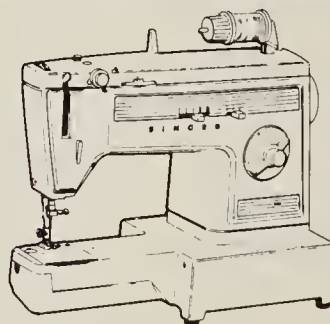
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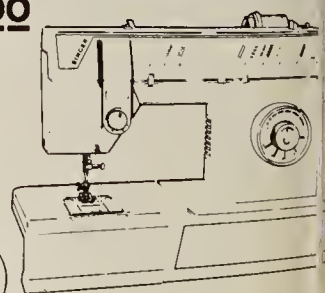
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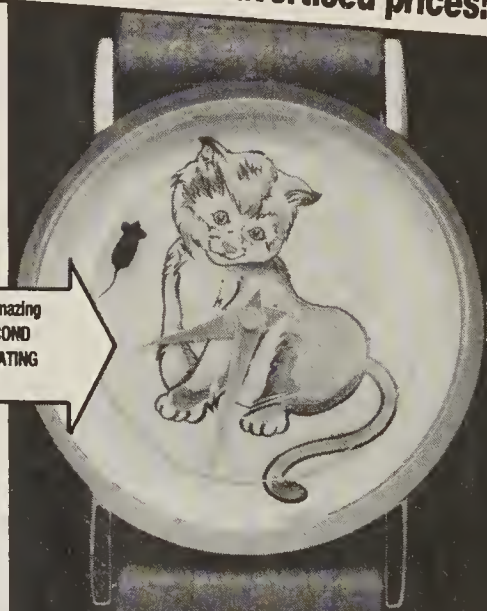
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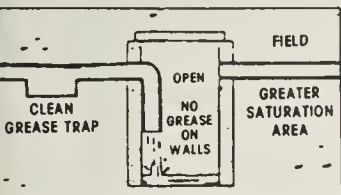
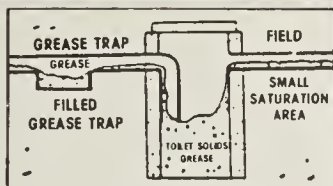
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The nation's first rural electric cooperative power plant near Hampton, IO, has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Reeve Rural Electric Association power plant was the first in the country to receive funding from the Rural Electrification Administration (REA), the federal agency that lends money to rural electric and telephone cooperatives.

The Reeve plant received a grant and was opened in March, 1938, at a time when few rural homes had electricity. Until then, most investor-owned power companies would not serve rural America because too few people lived in the area to make it a profitable venture.

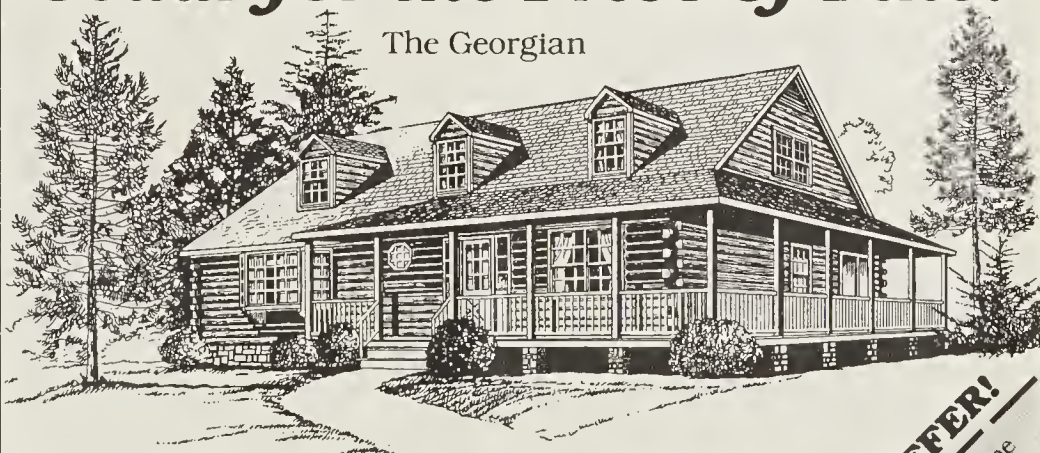
Farmers and their neighbors got together and started electric cooperatives to generate and distribute power to rural consumers. They did this with the help of the REA.

The Reeve plant, which served six north-central Iowa counties, was closed in 1950 after a newer and larger plant was built nearby. The Franklin County Historical Society now owns the old plant.

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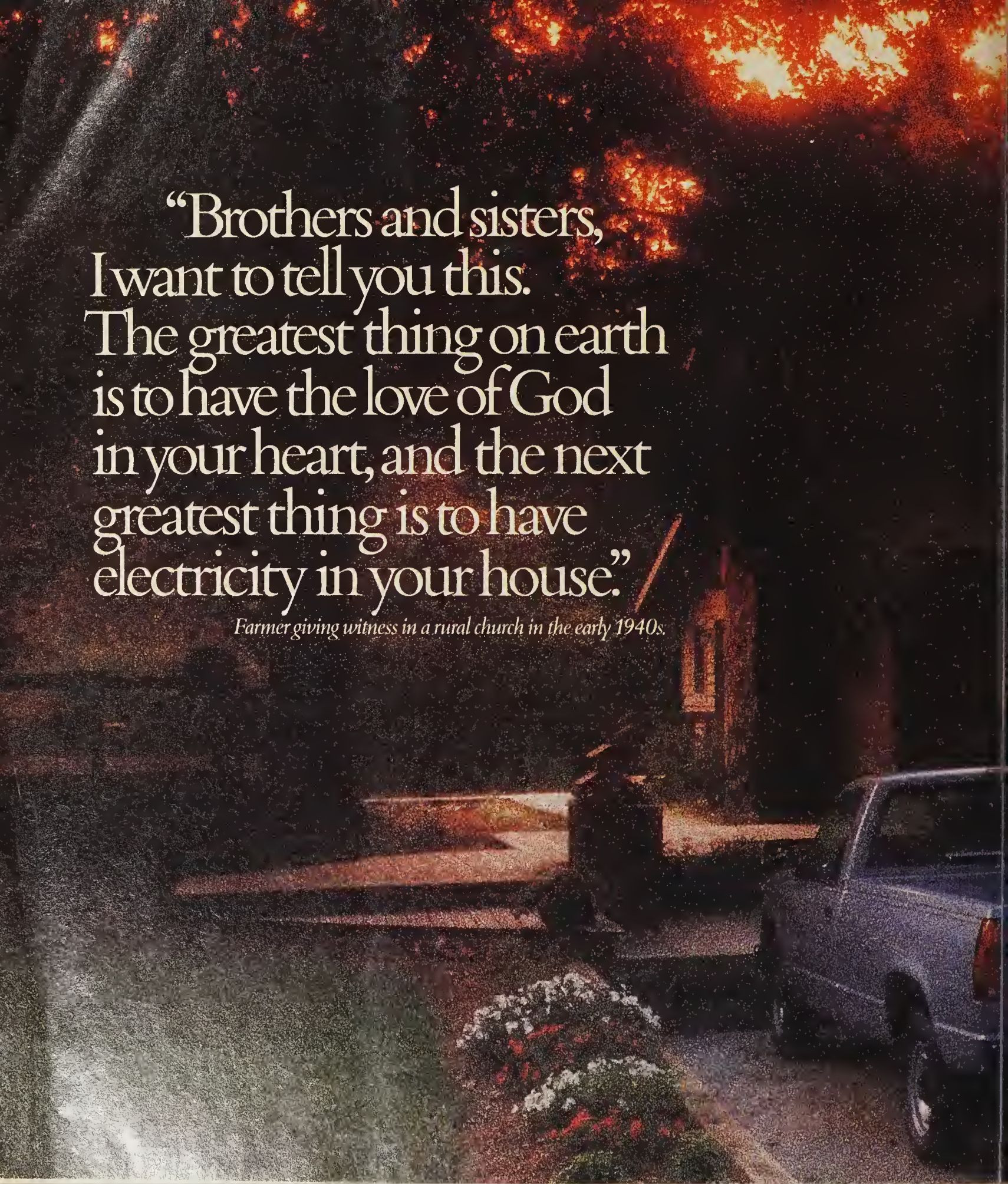
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Tar Heel Voters To Elect A Senator, 11 House Representatives Nov. 6

There may be no presidential or gubernatorial races in question, but North Carolina voters will have plenty of ballots to cast when election day rolls around Nov. 6.

The most widely followed race is in the senate campaign with three-term incumbent Sen. Jesse Helms facing former Charlotte Mayor Harvey Gantt. Gantt fought his way through a crowded Democratic field to win the nomination, and will be relying on his party's registration edge over the Republicans to help him unseat Helms.

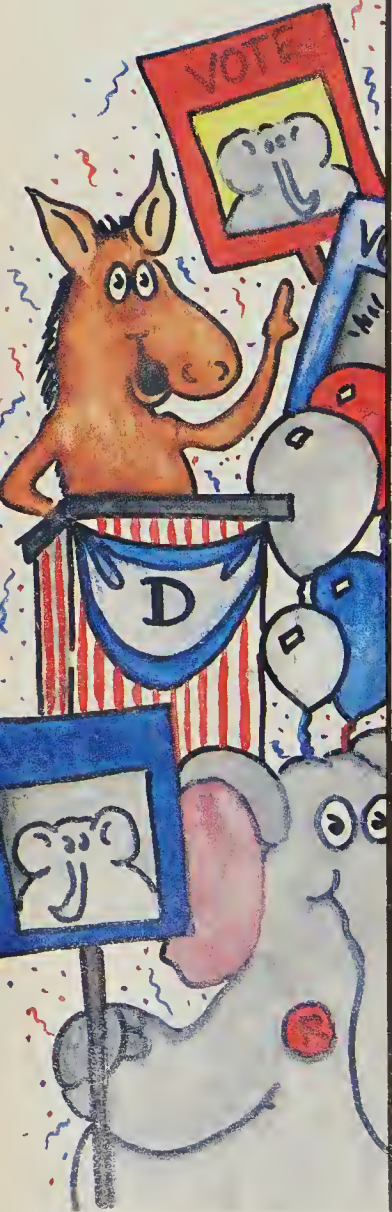
The congressional races have much in common, with all 11 incumbents facing opposition in their re-election bids. Among North Carolina's congressmen, First District Rep. Walter B. Jones has the most seniority—having served in Congress since 1966. He faces Republican Howard Moye.

Third District Rep. Martin Lancaster, Fourth District Rep. David E. Price and Tenth District Rep. Cass Ballenger are the state's newest congressmen, each seeking their third term. Challenging Lancaster is Republican Don Davis. Facing Price is Republican John Carrington and facing Ballenger is Democrat Daniel R. Green.

Meanwhile, four candidates are vying for two seats on the State Supreme Court while 14 candidates are seeking seven seats on the Court of Appeals.

The year's congressional election may be quite different from the next election in 1992. Judging from the U. S. Census figures, North Carolina can expect to add a 12th congressional seat, which will mean re-structuring the state's congressional districts.

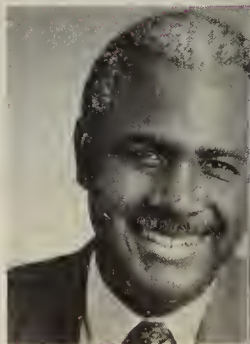
Profiles of the candidates begin below and continue through page 26. The Senate and House candidates comment on rural electification issues on pages 27-31.



UNITED STATES SENATE

DEMOCRAT

Harvey B. Gantt of Charlotte served two terms as mayor of Charlotte. He was elected to the Charlotte City Council for three terms. An architect and businessman, Gantt is a member of the Democratic National Committee and the N. C. State Democratic Executive Committee. He received his undergraduate degree from Clemson University.



REPUBLICAN

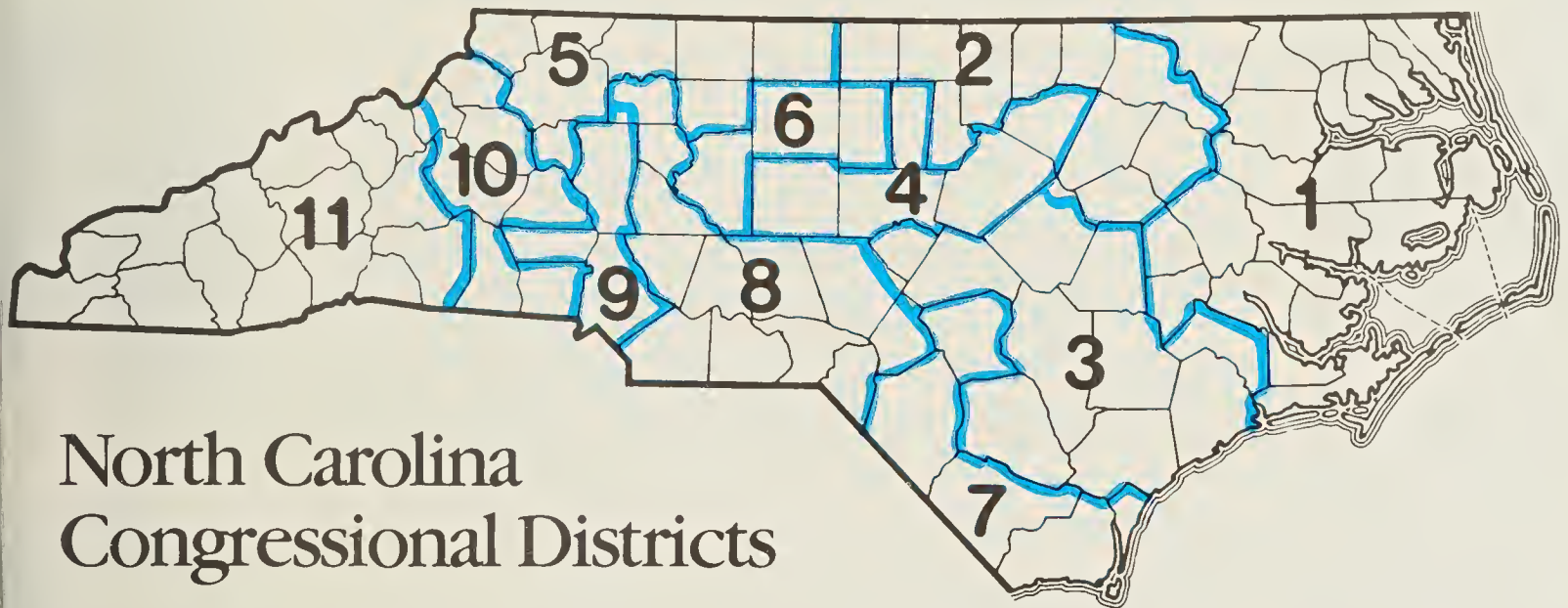
U. S. Sen. Jesse A. Helms of Raleigh, a member of the Senate since 1973, is the ranking minority member of the Foreign Relations Committee and is a member of the Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry Committee and the Rules Administration Committee.

Helms, who attended Wake Forest College, is a former city editor of *The Raleigh Times* and a former commentator with WRAL-TV, Raleigh.





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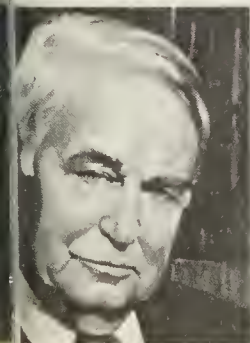
FIRST DISTRICT



REPUBLICAN

Howard D. Moye of Farmville is a farmer and businessman. A graduate of N. C. State University, Moye is a former executive vice president of the United Tobacco Growers Association and former

Eastern regional manager of the N. C. Department of Natural Resources and Community Development.



DEMOCRAT

U. S. Rep. Walter B. Jones of Farmville, a member of Congress since 1966, is chairman of the House Committee on the Merchant Marine and Fisheries and a member of the House Com-

mittee on Agriculture. A graduate of N. C. State University, Jones is a former mayor of Farmville and served one term in the State Senate and three terms in the State House of Representatives.

SECOND DISTRICT

REPUBLICAN

Hal Sharpe of Nashville did not respond.

DEMOCRAT

U. S. Rep. I. T. (Tim) Valentine of Nashville, a member of Congress since 1983, is a member



of the House Public Works and Transportation Committee and the Science, Space and Technology Committee. A graduate of The Citadel, Valentine received his law degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He served three terms in the State House and was legal advisor to the late Gov. Dan Moore. He is the former chairman of the N. C. Democratic Executive Committee.

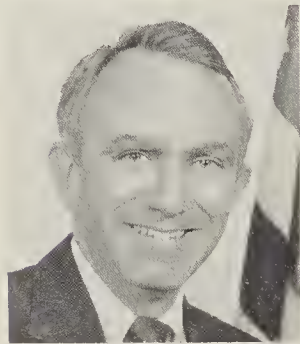


THIRD DISTRICT



REPUBLICAN

Don Davis of Erwin is a businessman who serves on the Board of Directors of Heritage Bible College in Dunn. A retired U. S. Army major, he served in the Korean Conflict.



DEMOCRAT

U. S. Rep. Martin Lancaster of Goldsboro, a member of Congress since 1987, is a member of the House Armed Services Committee and the House Committee on Agriculture. A former four-term member of the State House, Lancaster served as chairman of the House Judiciary Committee. He received his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

FOURTH DISTRICT

REPUBLICAN

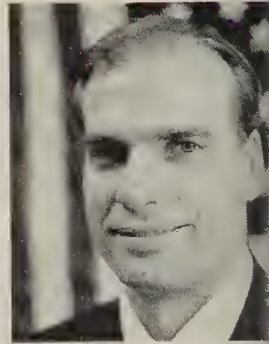
John Carrington of Raleigh did not respond.



DEMOCRAT

U. S. Rep. David E. Price of Chapel Hill, a member of Congress since 1987, is a member of the House Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs Committee and the Science, Space and Technology Committee. A former political science professor at Duke University, Price has been chairman and executive director of the N.C. Democratic Party. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and his Ph.D. from Yale University.

FIFTH DISTRICT



REPUBLICAN

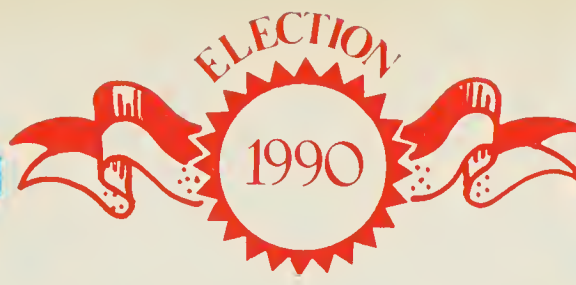
Ken Bell of Winston-Salem, a former attorney with the U.S. Justice Department, is now in a private law practice. He received his undergraduate and law degrees from Wake Forest University.



DEMOCRAT

U. S. Rep. Stephen L. Neal of Winston-Salem, a member of Congress since 1975, is a member of the House Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs Committee and is chairman of the subcommittee on Domestic Monetary Policy. A graduate of the University of Hawaii, Neal is a former mortgage broker and was previously publisher of several community newspapers.





SIXTH DISTRICT



REPUBLICAN

U. S. Rep. Howard Coble of Greensboro, a member of Congress since 1985, is a member of the House Judiciary Committee and the House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries.

is a former member of the N.C. House of Representatives, and was an assistant U.S. Attorney and Commissioner of the N.C. Department of Revenue. He received his undergraduate degree from Guilford College and his law degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

DEMOCRAT

Ken R. Allegrone of Greensboro did not respond.

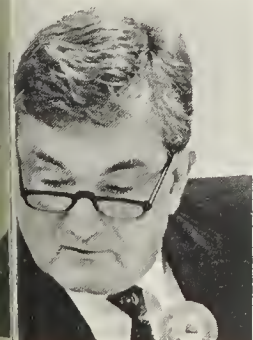
SEVENTH DISTRICT



REPUBLICAN

Robert C. Anderson of Fayetteville is a retired Army officer with more than 22 years of military service. While in the Army, he received four Distinguished Flying Crosses for heroism. He

received his undergraduate degree from Benedictine College in Kansas, and his graduate degree from Western Kentucky University.



DEMOCRAT

U.S. Rep. Charlie Rose of Fayetteville, a member of Congress since 1973, is a member of the House Committee on Agriculture and is chairman of the subcommittee on Tobacco and

Products. He is also a member of the Livestock, Dairy and Poultry and the Cotton, Rice and Sugar subcommittees. He is the former chief district prosecutor for the state's 12th Judicial District. Rose received his undergraduate degree from Davidson College and his law degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

REPUBLICAN

Ted Blanton of Salisbury did not provide biographical material or a photograph.

DEMOCRAT

U. S. Rep. W.G. (Bill) Hefner of Kannapolis, a member of Congress since 1975, is a member of the House Appropriations Committee and is

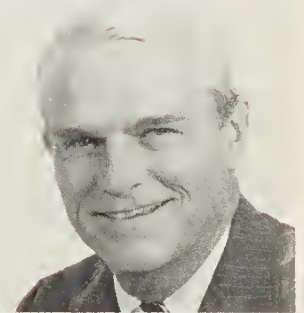


chairman of the subcommittee on Military Construction. He is a member of the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Military Academy and serves as deputy majority whip. A veteran of more than 20 years in the entertainment business, Hefner was a member of the nationally known gospel group, the Harvesters Quartet.

NINTH DISTRICT

REPUBLICAN

U. S. Rep. Alex McMillan of Charlotte, a member of Congress since 1985, serves on the House, Banking,



Finance and Urban Affairs Committee and the Energy and Commerce Committee. He was formerly the president and chief executive officer of Harris Teeter Super Markets and a member of the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a graduate degree from the University of Virginia.

DEMOCRAT

David P. McKnight of Charlotte did not respond.



TENTH DISTRICT



REPUBLICAN

U. S. Rep. Cass Ballenger of Hickory, a member of Congress since 1987, is a member of the House Education and Labor Committee and the House Public Works and Transportation

Committee. He is the founder and chairman of Plastic Packaging Inc., Hickory. He is a former member of the N.C. House of Representatives and served 10 years in the State Senate. Ballenger is a former chairman of the Catawba County Board of Commissioners. He received his undergraduate degree from Amherst College.

DEMOCRAT

Daniel R. Green Jr. of Hickory did not respond.

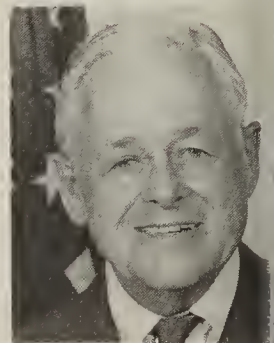
ELEVENTH DISTRICT

REPUBLICAN

Charles H. Taylor of Asheville did not respond.

DEMOCRAT

James McClure Clarke of Fairview was first elected to Congress in 1982. His bid for re-election failed in 1984, but he was returned to Congress in 1986 and was re-elected in 1988. He is a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee and the Select Committee of Aging. He served in the N. C. House of Representatives and the State Senate. He received his undergraduate degree from Princeton University.



Eighteen Candidates Vying For Judicial Seats

Voters will cast ballots Nov. 6 for two judges on the North Carolina Supreme Court and seven judges on the Court of Appeals.

Each seat is being contested, with both Democrat and Republican candidates vying for the judicial posts. The candidates are:

Supreme Court.

Incumbent Chief Justice **James G. Exum**, a Democrat from Raleigh, will face Wake County Superior Court Judge **Howard E. Manning**, a Republican from Raleigh; incumbent Associate Justice **John Webb**, a Democrat from Wilson, will face Superior Court Judge **Samuel T. Currin**, a Republican from Raleigh.

Appeals Court.

Incumbent **Hugh A. Wells**, a Democrat from Raleigh, will face attorney **J. Randolph Ward**, a Republican from Cary; incumbent **Clifton E. Johnson**, a Democrat from Charlotte, will face attorney **Carter T. Lambeth**, a Republican from Wilmington; incumbent **Sidney S.**

Eagles, a Democrat from Raleigh, will face District Court Judge **William M. Neely**, a Republican from Asheboro; incumbent **Eugene H. Phillips**, a Democrat from Winston-Salem, will face Superior Court Judge **Ralph A. Walker**, a Republican from Greensboro.

Also, incumbent **Sarah Parker**, a Democrat from Charlotte, will face attorney **Dena S. Lingle**, a Republican from Fayetteville; incumbent **K. Edward Greene**, a Democrat from Dunn, will face District Court Judge **Sherry Fowler Alloway**, a Republican from Greensboro and incumbent **Allyson K. Duncan**, a Republican from Durham, will face attorney **James A. Wynn**, a Democrat from Greenville.



Candidates Comment On Rural Electrification Issues

In preparing for this special election coverage, officials of the North Carolina Association of Electric Cooperatives asked Senate and Congressional candidates to respond to three questions on issues affecting rural electrification. Here are the questions:

Question No. 1

• Would you support congressional legislation to maintain and strengthen the cooperative philosophy of members organizing to meet their own needs in a cost-efficient manner and, in particular, the electric cooperative program nationally.

Question No. 2

• Because of the higher cost of serving less densely developed areas of North Carolina, the state's cooperatives need continued access to capital through the Rural Electrification Administration (REA) program. Will you support continuance of financing the REA program?

Question No. 3

• Rural North Carolina residents need basic services like water, sewer and help in locating new plants and creating new jobs. Will you support the necessary legislation to make it possible for electric cooperatives to provide such services on a cost-effective basis.

The candidates' responses follow:

SENATE



REPUBLICAN

Sen. Jesse Helms: I have worked with you and the members of the North Carolina Association of Electric Cooperatives, and I believe our relationship has been satisfactory. Certainly it has been from my standpoint.

It may not be possible for Congress to satisfy all of your needs and desires because of the budget crisis in the federal government. But I think you have demonstrated through the years my interest in your goals. You have never once demanded that I support unreasonable legislation, and I have always leveled with each other.

DEMOCRAT

Harvey Gantt: 1) Yes, I would support congressional legislation that allows cooperatives to organize in order to meet their own needs in a cost-effective manner.

2) Yes, I would support continuance of the Rural Electrification Administration financing program.

3) I support the concept of legislation that would allow electric cooperatives to provide basic services to residents of rural North Carolina in a cost-effective manner. Such development should, however, be made with the needs of rural residents and farmers in mind.

FIRST DISTRICT



REPUBLICAN

Howard Moyer did not respond to the questions.

DEMOCRAT

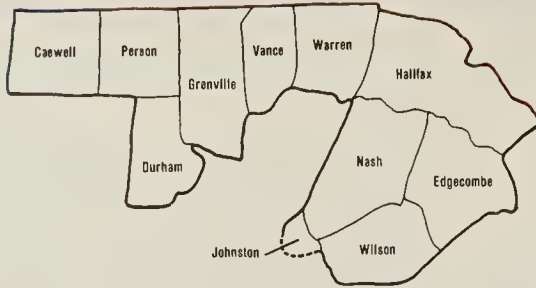
Walter B. Jones: I have in the past and will continue in the future to support and strengthen the cooperative philosophy of members organizing to meet their needs in a cost-efficient manner, and this applies to the electric cooperative program nationally.

I am well aware of the high cost of serving less densely developed areas of North Carolina and will continue to support, as I have in the past, cooperatives' access to capital through the REA program.

I have some reservations regarding rural cooperatives assuming basic services like water and sewer. I feel very strongly that to expand the role of REA will be a duplication of efforts and programs already established by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA). I did, however, strongly support the expansion of REA to include the present rural telephone system, which has been most successful.



SECOND DISTRICT



REPUBLICAN

Hal Sharpe did not respond to the questions.

DEMOCRAT

Congressman Tim Valentine answered the questions as follows:

1) The cooperative philosophy has enabled our citizens, since the founding of this great nation, to meet their needs and improve their way of life, whether it is farmers working together to market their produce or rural residents cooperating in order to bring the "miracle" of electricity to their communities. Throughout my service in the House of Representatives I have worked to protect the interests of electric cooperative members, and I will continue to do so.

2) As we are all aware, necessary—but sometimes painful—steps are required to reduce the federal budget deficit. Although I am committed to making these tough decisions today to ensure a brighter tomorrow, I believe that the Rural Electrification Administration is vital to the continuing development of our rural areas. I support the REA financing program and will work to ensure continued access to capital.

3) Without the services provided by the REA program, rural North Carolina would have lagged far behind the more urban areas of our state in meeting the basic needs of our citizens. In my view, the REA ranks with the Agricultural Extension Service in the positive influence of its program for rural America. As I have in the past, I will continue to support federal legislation to ensure that electric cooperatives can provide appropriate services to North Carolinians.

THIRD DISTRICT



REPUBLICAN

Don Davis did not respond to the questions.

DEMOCRAT

Rep. Martin Lancaster: To insist the REA has already served its purpose indicates ignorance of rural problems.

A typical rural system has only about 5 consumers per mile without the middle sized and large consumers that can use a system's capacity. Yet, the system must maintain that capacity to meet "peak" demands, causing some co-op rates to be higher than those of neighboring utilities. So rural cooperatives still critically need REA capital.

The economy of rural America is declining. The paradox is that with great strides in productivity making us the best fed people in the world for the least disposable income, the number of full-time farmers decreases. Rural electric cooperatives should be authorized to lead in need development. The prerequisites are such basic services as water and sewer.

Former Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland, now executive vice president of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), said it best in testimony on the 1990 farm bill:

"The rural electrification program is a shining example of what an effective partnership between the government and the private sector can accomplish."

I will certainly work with Mr. Bergland to improve federal support for our rural electric cooperatives.

FOURTH DISTRICT



REPUBLICAN

John Carrington did not respond to the questions.

DEMOCRAT

Rep. David Price: 1) I believe strongly in electric cooperatives. They are essential to the

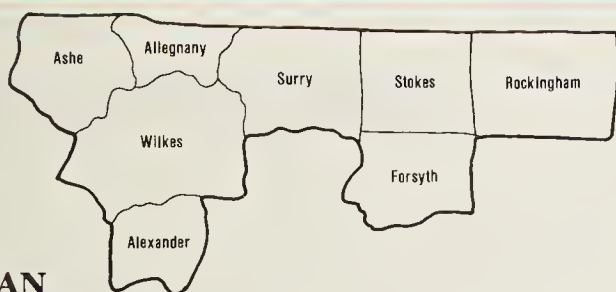


continued strength and vitality of our rural economy. I have consistently voted for legislation supporting the cooperatives and their progress.

2) I have consistently voted against the administration's efforts to dismantle the REA financing program.

3) I am interested in legislation that would help rural electric cooperatives deliver basic services like water and sewer. If we are to meet the needs of rural areas, it will be necessary to provide flexibility in the delivery of these services, and I believe electric cooperatives can play a role.

FIFTH DISTRICT



REPUBLICAN

Ken Bell: 1) Without North Carolina's 28 Electric Membership Corporations, many citizens in our state might not even today be able to enjoy all the advantages of modern life. When elected to Congress, I will support measures which ensure they can continue to meet their members' needs in a cost-efficient manner.

2) Without the availability of adequate financing, rural electric systems will not be able to meet their responsibilities to their members. As your congressman, I will support the present system of REA loan guarantees at a sufficient level of funding to meet the needs of power supply financing and the growth of rural North Carolina.

3) Helping create new jobs for our citizens living in rural areas will be a top priority of mine in Congress. I will support the legislation that will enable the REA to provide assistance to new and current businesses and help finance water, sewer and other necessary services.

DEMOCRAT

Rep. Steve Neal: 1) I strongly support the cooperative philosophy. Cooperatives have had a major role in developing North Carolina since the 1930s and are still important to us in the 1990s. They have improved the quality of life and created economic opportunity. I will continue to support measures to strengthen cooperatives.

2) I favor continuing the REA financing program to ensure that our most populated areas are adequately served.

3) With their strong community ties and management experience, electric cooperatives could help rural areas improve their public services and attract new industries. This is an idea worth considering, but I have seen no specific legislative proposals.

In any event, our rural areas and small towns need to work harder than ever to encourage job-creating enterprises. Our economic future will depend on our ability to develop innovative, home-grown businesses. We will need strong and reliable electric cooperatives to make this possible.

SIXTH DISTRICT



REPUBLICAN

Rep. Howard Coble: I believe that I have been supportive of electric cooperatives during my three terms in Congress. I have consistently voted in favor of federal funding for rural development programs and REA loans for electric and telephone systems serving our rural communities. I plan to continue my support for REA financing programs as well as other development programs which assist rural America in developing strong economies. In fact, I am a co-sponsor of the Rural Revitalization Act (H.R. 3382) which, among other things, provides grants to aid rural businesses.

DEMOCRAT

Helen Allegrone did not respond to the questions.

SEVENTH DISTRICT



REPUBLICAN

Robert C. Anderson: 1) I support cooperatives nationally.

2) I support REA financing.

3) I support water and sewer programs on a case-by-case basis.

DEMOCRAT

Rep. Charlie Rose: I assure you of my unequivocal support for the mission and efforts



of the North Carolina Association of Electric Cooperatives (NCAEC), a strong emphasis by the federal government on water and sewer programs to assist in rural development and the continuance of the REA financing program. Rural electric cooperatives are one of the success stories of federal and local cooperative efforts to meet the needs of our rural constituency. I intend to use my position as a senior member of the House Agriculture Committee to ensure this fine tradition and to work with the NCAEC to implement innovative solutions to future challenges that must be met by rural America.

EIGHTH DISTRICT



REPUBLICAN

Ted Blanton: 1) The REA has done a tremendous job serving the needs of rural America. As our society becomes more and more urban, the challenges facing the REA are constantly changing. In order to help the REA continue to meet rural America's needs, I would be willing to work with the REA program to be sure those challenges do not adversely impact the REA.

2) The capital needs of the REA program are growing tremendously. It is absolutely necessary that these needs are met without harm to rural America.

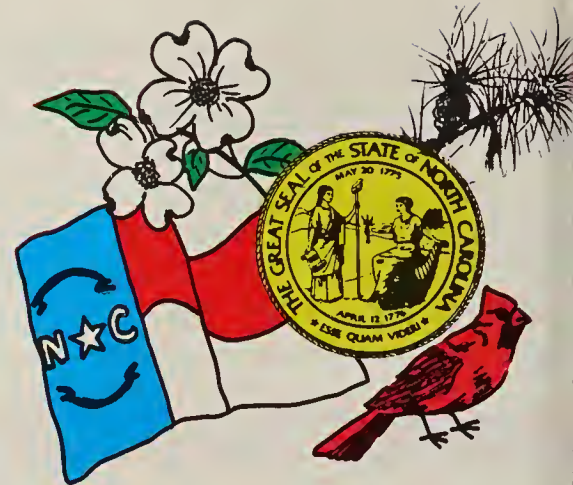
3) Congress is currently working to make such services available. I would certainly be willing to work with REA leaders to help meet those needs.

DEMOCRAT

Rep. W. G. (Bill) Hefner: Since coming to Congress, I have supported the rural electric loan program and will continue to support this cooperative organization which has meant so much to the development of the rural areas of my district and our state.

As a former member of the House Budget Committee and currently a member of the House Appropriations Committee, I have consistently spoken on behalf of maintaining the current structure of the REA program against and dismantling REA. Therefore, I continue to support the REA financing program.

Water and sewer facilities are becoming more and more essential for rural development and REA systems are an important entity of the establishment of those needed facilities. The House has approved a rural development bill which contains a provision stipulating that electric co-ops will have equal access to funding under this program. I certainly support this effort.



NINTH DISTRICT



REPUBLICAN

Alex McMillan: 1) Yes. I have support the electric cooperative program through legislation such as H.R. 3581, the Rural Economic Development Act of 1989. On March 22, 1990, the House overwhelmingly passed this bill. I voted in favor of H.R. 3581.

2) I support the continuance of the REA and the rural electric loan program. I realize there are currently 650 rural electric cooperatives which depend upon low-cost federal power generated at multipurpose hydroelectric dams. As long as these rural electric cooperatives continue to need these subsidies to provide power to rural communities, there is a need for the loan program. At the point when a rural community becomes a urban area, I think the subsidy should be re-evaluated.

3) As I mentioned earlier, I supported H.R. 3581, which establishes within the REA a technical assistance unit for cooperatives. Furthermore, it allows for cooperatives to obtain loans for water and sewer development.

DEMOCRAT

David P. McKnight did not respond to the questions.



TENTH DISTRICT



REPUBLICAN

Cass Ballenger: North Carolina electric cooperatives have an excellent record of providing quality service for rural citizens living in the 10th district and across the state. Of course, one of the greatest achievements is providing rural areas with electric power. This investment has enabled rural America to grow and prosper.

As Congress looks toward the future and begins to address the issues that will shape rural America in the next century, please rest assured that continued support for the REA and the REA loan program remain a top priority. In addition, as I review legislation before the House, I will continue to be supportive of innovative programs that improve the economic condition of rural America and offer continued benefits to rural citizens.

DEMOCRAT

Daniel R. Green did not respond to the questions.

ELEVENTH DISTRICT



REPUBLICAN

Charles H. Taylor did not respond to the questions.

DEMOCRAT

Rep. James McClure Clarke: 1) Yes.

2) Yes.

3) Yes. I believe more programs should be patterned after the rural electrification success. The economic benefits and growth due to this program have helped rural America and this nation prosper.



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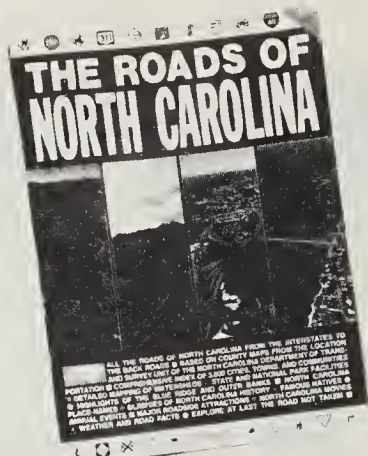
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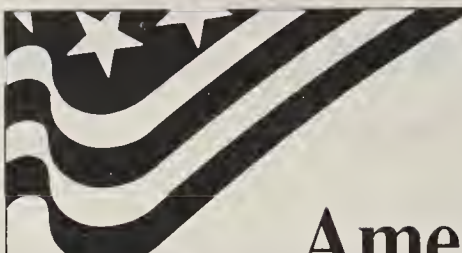
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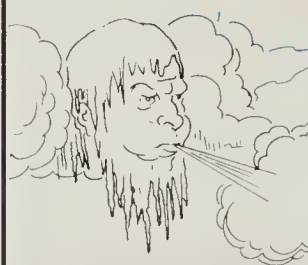


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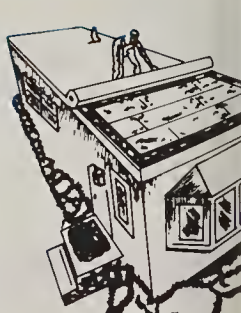


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Among the numerous gardening projects, you'll want to prepare beds and planting holes for woody ornamentals, spring-flowering bulbs and perennial flowers.

Soon after the last rose blooms and before mums and dahlias taste frost, your garden will be going to bed for winter. Take time to enjoy the colors of autumn!

De-weevil Peas And Beans

If you have a good supply of dry beans and peas from the summer garden, they should be treated to avoid getting weevils in them this winter. Spread them on a cookie sheet. Place in the oven at 180



degrees F. for 20 minutes. Then store in glass jars or heavy plastic bags.

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Houseplants

Give houseplants their last breath of fresh air by moving

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If plants have become rootbound in their containers, replant in the next larger size pot. Shape the plants by inching out damaged shoots or those that have grown out of proportion. If insects are evident, eliminate them before bringing plants back indoors.

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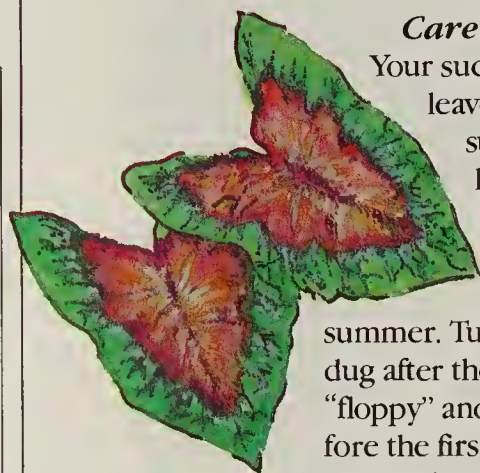
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Store in a dry place where tubers are safe from freezing. The ideal storage temperature is 60 to 65 degrees F. A basement where a central heating unit furnishes some heat is a good location. Check the tubers every few weeks and discard any with rotted tissue.

In storing, separate and label containers according to color. Once foliage dries and is removed you may forget which color is which.



HANK'S GARDENING GUIDE

By Hank Smith



Delay any heavy watering until late winter or early spring. Watering made now may encourage new growth that could suffer winter freeze damage.

Complete hardening root crops such as carrots and sweet potatoes. Give particular attention to proper storage, temperature and humidity.

Take care that Christmas poinsettias and Christmas cacti receive no artificial light after sunset. Too much light can cause them to bloom at a time other than the holiday season.

Collect and despoil rose leaves as they fall from plants. This helps control overwintering of diseases. Prune out and destroy any diseased or insect-damaged leaves or stems.

Plant candy tuft pansies for later autumn and spring bloom. Pansies sometimes will flower during mild periods of winter.

6. Rake pine straw and use as a mulch around shrubs.

7. After the first heavy freeze replenish the rose bed with fresh new mulch. If mulched too soon, planters remain succulent and will be hurt by sudden, hard freezes.

8. Mound mulch deeply around their graft union and at bases of the canes to insulate roses for winter.

9. Take a critical look at your over-all landscape. Prepare a simple sketch to show needed changes in plant selection and placements. Use this to guide you in future plantings and replantings.

10. After mums have finished blooming, cut stems back to the ground. Cover the 'nubs' with two or three inches of evergreen branches or dry leaves.

11. For blooms next spring, set out root divisions of peonies this autumn.

12. Plant garlic now for harvest next spring.

13. The best solution for lawn areas that are thin due to shade and root competition from trees is to replace the grass with a groundcover.

Windbreaks And Screens

A good location for evergreen trees that branch all the way down to the ground is



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Don't Smother The House

Landscape plantings about a house

should be planned to enhance the beauty of the building—creating an attractive picture as it is viewed from the highway or street.

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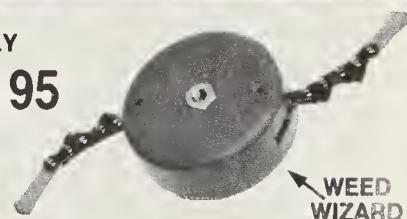
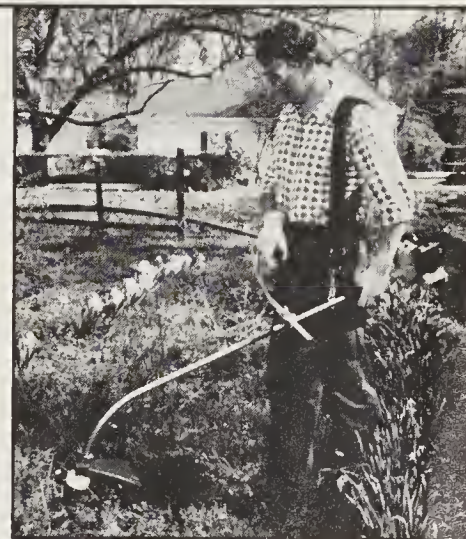
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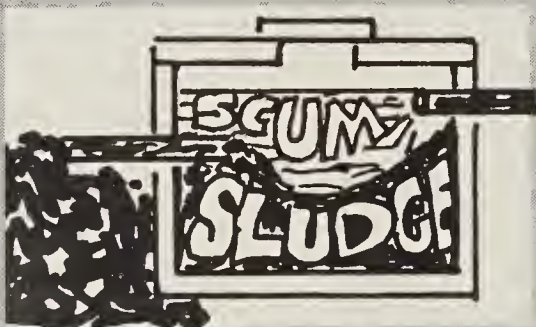
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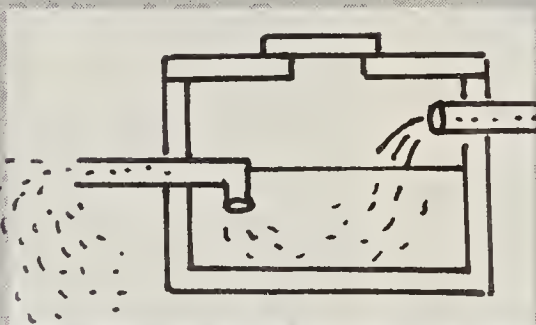
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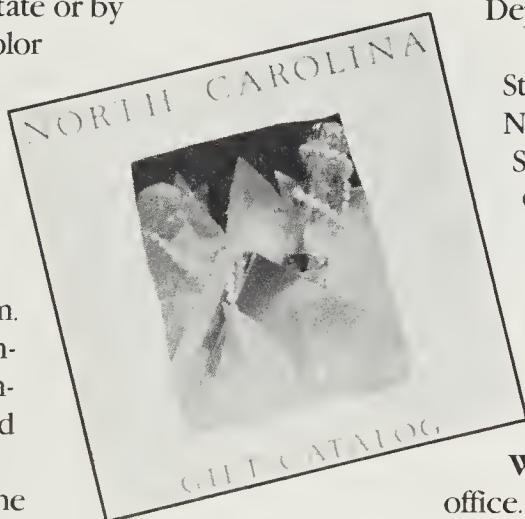
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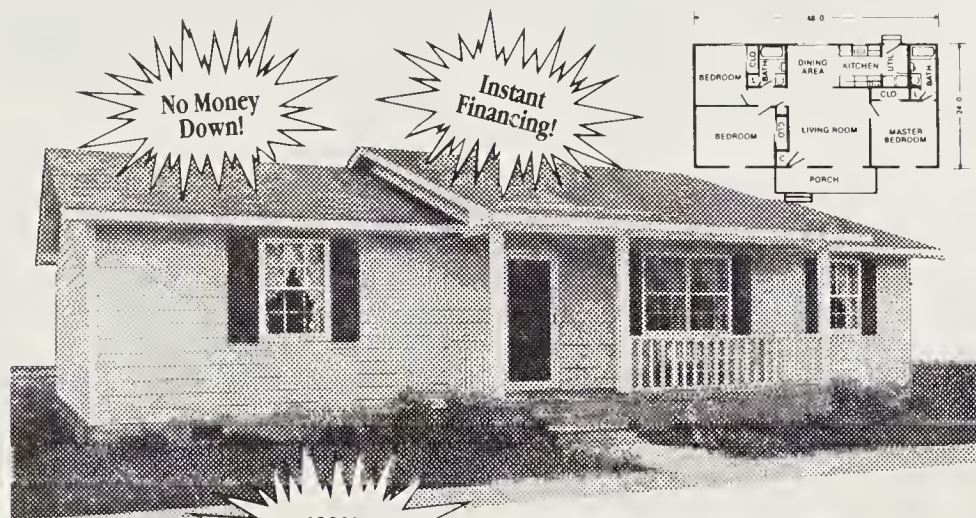
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Looking back on it, though, I can see that this trip's on-the-road experience for our family was also essentially the same as those we can recall from sundry other summer excursions. Except for differences in the nature of the passing scene, it was just like cruising along interstates in South Carolina or Virginia.

I thought about this as I read a recent column in the *Greensboro News & Record* by the paper's retired editor, William D. Snider, who called the trip to Wilmington via I-40 "fast but boring." He said after a few trips along that route, he began to "pine for the produce stands below Clinton and even the traffic clutter in Sanford and Dunn."

Travelers can always abandon the interstates in order to meander through the villages, but those super highways reflect a change in the nation's culture—a change that's "boiling us down to the same old 'middle muddle' and wiping out the diversity that once enlivened the unity and made our lives more interesting," Snider said.

Whatever its benefits, such change can be painful, he added.

It's difficult to return to the old hometown and discover that the vistas that once seemed "so awesome, and even mysterious" now appear "rather small and commonplace," Snider said.

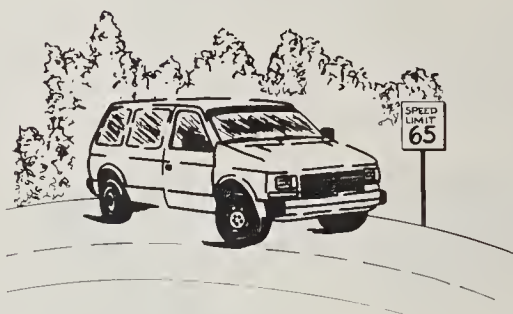
This is not simply a matter of longing for "the good old days," which were never really that good. It's also a matter of preserving a way of life.

"I think that in today's America we must still preserve the familiar signposts of the past, the anchors of our lives that provided distinctiveness and diversity. That's why I like to run over to Salisbury every now and then to rediscover that Bank Street remains pretty much the way it was when I was a boy."

Sadly, the fast-lane interstates are destroying the distinctiveness of the South's "mythic land, boiling over with eccentric personalities and infinite variety of characters and memorable people and places," Snider said, noting that they are turning our differences into "a kind of boiled mediocrity."

He added: "Writing about this in *Time* magazine the other day, Hodding Carter (a Mississippian who was press secretary to President Jimmy Carter) recalled a teacher who described it far too well.

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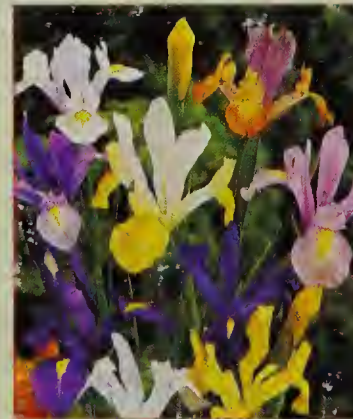
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